

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Liberty Center Local Schools Regular Board Meeting
March 22, 2021

The Liberty Center Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members Mr. Jeff Benson, Mr. Neal Carter, Mr. Todd Spangler, Mr. John Weaver and Mrs. Andi Zacharias were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#44-21 Approve Minutes

The motion was made by Mr. Spangler and seconded by Mrs. Zacharias to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2021 of the Liberty Center Board of Education.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Buenger reported on the regular monthly reports. She noted the expenses are still on track for the year and revenues are approximately 2% higher. Mrs. Buenger informed the Board the State Audit was completed earlier this month with no reportable comments. She also explained the K-12 building project is still not closed out, and she is awaiting information from OFCC on the process.

Mrs. Buenger also explained the appropriation modifications and amended certificate amounts are due to changes in grant allocations, the LED lighting project through the solar program, and the Tax Anticipation Note for the renovation projects.

#45-21 CFO/Treasurer's Consent Agenda

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson that the Board approve the Treasurer's Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approve the financial reports, including the following:

- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- Cash Summary Report
- Disbursement Summary Report
- Investment Report
- Budget vs. Actual

Approve the following donations:

Anonymous	Baseball Infield	\$10,858.00
Brondes Ford c/o Karen Engler	2,280 Disposable Masks	

Approve the following Appropriation Modifications and Amended Certificate Increases:

Increase Appropriations		
516 9715	IDEA-B Odd Year	-\$3,879.51
587 9700	Preschool Grant (NWOESC)	-\$17.16
572 9103	Title 1D Neglected	\$9,419.88
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590 9205	Title II-A	\$53.54
599 9019	Title IV-A	\$35.31
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VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter
 Nays: None – Motion Carried

Principals’ Reports

Elementary

Ms. Postl informed the Board the elementary staff will receive training on Friday, March 26th for Branching Minds. The target will be Tier 2 needs of students in the classroom with the roll out for the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year.

The PTO will be providing ice cream sundaes for students on March 25th to celebrate a year of COVID and their resilience throughout the pandemic. The PTO is also planning a field day. The date is still undecided.

Elementary teachers have expressed an interest in having a park day at the end of the school year. Ms. Postl is working with the different grade levels to plan these days for the students.

Middle School

Mr. Radwan highlighted the end of year activities in the Middle School. State testing will take place between April 17th and May 7th. There will be a virtual awards program for middle school students. He is also working with the PTO on a field day and park day. The 6th/7th Grade Camp Willson trip will take place in May. They are working with the camp to reduce the number of students per cabin and making safe eating arrangements for students. The Washington DC trip scheduled for this summer is still on schedule.

High School

Mr. Black reported on the happenings in the High School. Prom is being planned for May 1st. Dinner will be served in the Middle School Gym and the dance will be held in the Auditoria. Attendees will be limited to Liberty Center Juniors and Seniors and their guests, with a maximum of 250 people. The goal is to maintain COVID protocols and still provide the Prom experience for students.

Graduation is being planned for May 30th at 2:30 p.m. in the Varsity Gym. Seating will be setup similar to athletic events in groups of four. Mr. Black informed the Board each graduate will receive four tickets for graduation. Other end of year events being planned include Senior Awards on May 27th at 7:00 p.m. and graduation rehearsal on May 28th from 8:00-10:00 a.m.

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Mr. Black provided information to the Board on the March 3rd assembly that was held for grades 7-12. The day was split into three different sessions with Brad Hurtig, a Fairview High School graduate, presenting his story of hard work and perseverance.

Mr. Black congratulated Ash Brooks for being selected as a primary exhibitor and Audrey Bowers as a cameo winner for the Governor's Art Show. The exhibition will be held virtually using videos and slideshows on the govart.org website. Mr. Black also congratulated Robert Baker on being selected as a Student of the Month at Four County Career Center. Robert was nominated by his career and technical instructor, Mr. Thomas, and selected by his career and technical supervisor, Mrs. Rupp.

Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Pohlman provided an update on winter and spring sports. Ten wrestlers made it to Districts, with two wrestlers and two alternates advancing to State. Boys basketball played really well towards the end of the season, but fell to Archbold in the in the Sectional final. Girls basketball finished the season 13-9 and fell to Swanton in the Sectional semi-final. The boys bowling team was the NWOAL champion and placed 3rd at Sectionals. They had one individual qualify for State. Girls bowling placed 3rd in the league. The competition cheer team placed 3rd at State. Gymnastics competed at Districts and had two individuals qualify for State. Track, softball and baseball are underway with very high participation numbers, which is encouraging.

Mr. Pohlman highlighted the School's 14 NWOAL scholar athletes. Liberty Center is the second smallest school, but had the second highest number of scholar athletes.

Mr. Pohlman informed the Board the process to prepare for the facility upgrade has started. The biggest task will be moving weight equipment and still provide a place to workout for our athletes in the summer. The plan was to use the existing mats from the metal building and repurpose them in another area; however, after starting to pull them up it was determined that they would not be salvageable. That being said, there are still some leftover mats from when the turf was installed in the spring sports complex. Depending on how many are left will determine how much of the weight equipment we can put in the loft. The hope is to use both the spring sports complex and loft as areas for our athletes to workout in the summer.

Mr. Pohlman reported on the BSN branding project. Very good progress has been made and we could not be happier with the work from our artist and brand manager. Once all of this is completed, there will be a release to show everyone the new logo.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Peters welcomed the Kern Family and members of the Athletic Boosters. Kip Kern, a lifelong Liberty Center fan, passed away on August 26, 2020. After his passing, his family contacted the District about wanting to honor their father and grandfather. Mr. Keith Kern spoke on behalf of the family. In honor of his grandfather, he and his family, along with a few close friends, are donating a turf all-purpose sports field with the request the field be named "Kip Kern Field." Mr. Kern emphasized the privilege to be able to make this donation in Kip's name, who was the epitome of an LC Tiger. Mr. Scott Arney, Athletic Booster President, spoke on behalf of the Boosters, thanking the Kern Family for their generosity. Mr. Arney informed the Board the Boosters have a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 23rd to vote to accept the donation and will be negotiating a contract with Maumee Bay Turf Center for the project. Mrs. Zacharias expressed her gratitude to the Kern Family in keeping Kip's legacy alive.

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Mr. Peters provided an update on the athletic metal building and varsity gym renovation projects. A GMP is expected within the next two weeks. Due to the allotment of ESSER II and ESSER III funds, the District may be able to increase the scope of the project to allow for HVAC improvements within the District and new bleachers at Rex Lingruen Stadium to allow for additional spacing.

Mr. Peters also informed the Board the second round of the COVID-19 vaccine will be administered on Friday, March 26. There will be no school that day for the vaccinations and staff professional development. Mr. Peters thanked the Henry County Health Department for all of their efforts throughout the pandemic. He emphasized and commended District staff and Liberty Center's ability to stay in person for the entire 2020-21 school year.

#46-21 Superintendent's Consent Items

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Spangler, that the Board approve the Superintendent's Consent Agenda items as follows:

Approve membership in the Henry County Chamber of Commerce beginning March 1, 2020 and ending February 28, 2021 at a cost of \$100.00.

Approve a Service Agreement with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center for ESL Instructional Assistant services from March 1, 2021 through June 15, 2021 for 2.5 hours per day on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Approve the 2020-21 amended calendar.

Approve the contract renewal for the (free) Basic Educational Technology Membership in NWOET for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#47-21 Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Benson, that the Board approve the Superintendent's personnel items as follows:

Offer Laura Myers a contract beginning February 22, 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year as a Recess Monitoring Aide, pending completion of all necessary paperwork. Her salary and benefits will be per the OAPSE Negotiated Agreement.

Approve the NwOESC substitute teacher and paraprofessional list, as presented for the 2020-21 school year, to obtain substitute teachers and paraprofessionals.

Approve Tim Davis as a volunteer van driver for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork and training.

Offer the following certified individuals a one-year supplemental contract for the position indicated for the 2020-21 school year, pending completion of all necessary paperwork. Their salary will be per the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Supplemental Salary Schedule:

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Annette Niekamp – Assistant Track Coach (50%)
Raellen Merritt – Junior High Assistant Track Coach (50%)

Approve the following individuals as chaperones for the 6th/7th Grade Camp Willson trip, pending completion of all necessary paperwork:

Lowynn Atkinson	Michael McMaster
Random Ball	Rhonda Miller
Charlyn Barrett	Megan Miller
Scott Barrett	Tiffany Mohler
Melissa Bartels	John Morrison
Jennifer Baumbarger	Michelle Morrison
Alyssa Bly	Tom Oelkrug
Jackie Carpenter	Michelle Ordway
Laura Case	Tim Ordway
Tammy Chadwick	Brent Overmier
Steve Chapa	Jason Oyer
Brandon Crow	Chad Perry
Tammy Crow	Andrew Pieracini
Justin Damman	Jeff Pinson
Catina Davis	Gail Queen
Amanda Dilbone	Karrie Rentz
Leslie Fausnight	Luke Rohrs
Bryan Flory	Tammy Sattler
Ashley Foster	Michael Scott
Adam Foster	Todd Spangler
Jim Foster	Jessica Trapp
Dave Gebers	Erin Westhoven
Joe Hopkins	Heather Wilhelm
Robert Jones	Jennifer Wymer
Angela Keezer	Bill Zeiter
Jeremy Kern	
Mandy Kern	
Jeff King	
Sara Lawniczak	
Pam Leatherman	
Angela Mahn	
Brad May	

Accept the resignation of Mr. Cameron VanArsdalen, Liberty Education Center Director, effective July 31, 2021.

Accept the retirement resignation of Mrs. Deborah Waisner, Educational Aide, effective May 31, 2021.

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Approve advancing Kaitlyn Yungmann, Classroom Teacher, to the Masters +15 column on the LCCTA Negotiated Agreement's Salary Schedule, effective at the start of the 2021-22 school year.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#48-21 Resolution Declaring Urgent Necessity and Authorizing Purchase

The motion was made by Mrs. Zacharias and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the Resolution Declaring Urgent Necessity and Authorizing the Purchase of Necessary HVAC Equipment.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#49-21 Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a License and Donation Agreement with the Liberty Center Athletic Boosters: A Donation from the Family of Kip Kern in Memoriam for the Purpose of the Installation of an Artificial Turf Field at Rex Lingruen Stadium

The motion was made by Mr. Weaver and seconded by Mr. Spangler to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a License and Donation Agreement.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

#50-21 1:1 Technology Purchase

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the motion was made by Mr. Benson and seconded by Mr. Spangler that the Board approve the purchase of 844 Chromebooks and Google Chrome Licenses at a cost of \$202,193.84 from Dell Technologies.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

New Business

The next Board Meeting is April 26, 2021.

#51-21 Executive Session

Mr. Benson made the motion and Mr. Weaver seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to executive session at 7:32 p.m. to prepare for the purpose of considering the appointment and employment of a public employee of the School District.

VOTE: Ayes: Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried

The Board returned from executive session at 8:07 p.m.

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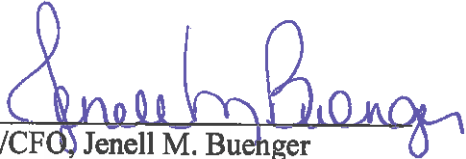
#52-21 Adjournment

Mr. Weaver made the motion and Mr. Benson seconded the motion to adjourn the March 22, 2021 regular meeting of the Liberty Center Local Board of Education at 8:08 p.m.

VOTE: Ayes: Mr. Benson, Mr. Spangler, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Zacharias, Mr. Carter
Nays: None – Motion Carried



President, Neal Carter

ATTEST 
Treasurer/CFO, Jenell M. Buenger

